

Lapoint Utah
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Mr. George M. Bacon
Capital Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

I received your letter a few days ago and appreciate it very much. But, Mr. Bacon, I am discouraged when I see what is going on in the Basin. The people under the Whiterocks Irrigation Co. are striving to keep their trees and gardens alive. Our grain is burning up; some have already turned their cows into their fields. Grain has been planted and there is no moisture to bring it up. And right here in the same community, under the government system, men are watering hay and pasture and letting the water run off into the road. I wonder if our State Government will not take some steps to give its citizens equal rights?

If the State owns the water, let the state distribute it; not our Federal Government. We feel that we are being robbed of our Constitutional rights. The church at our last Stake Conference instructed the people to raise all they could to help feed the ones that are now starving in Salt Lake City. The way the water is being handled now there will be some starving right here in the Uintah Basin before next spring.

The government officials in charge of the water have not taught their water users to be conservative with the water they are given. Some of them turn the water on at night and never see it again until nine or ten o'clock the next morning.

Mr. Bacon, I don't like to be taxed to pay a water commissioner and deputies and an executive committee and two or three other committees to shut our water off. The government keeps their duty any way and if there is any more we get it. Why pay these parasites? If you have a solution to exterminate them send it to me.

Respectfully,

C A Thompson

